GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1045
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BOYCOTT OF INDIAN LEATHER BY MULTI NATIONAL COMPANIES
DALPAT SINGH PARASTE

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

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(a) whether certain multi-national companies have decided to boycott Indian leather in the manufacture of shoes and other accessories; (

(b) whether a number of multi-national organisations have approached the Indian Government to follow basic animal protection laws; (

(c) whether such type of decisions of these multi-national companies would have a unsatisfactory effect through out the world about Indian leather; and (

(d) if so, the reaction of Indian Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY)

(a) to (d) : Council for Leather Exports has brought to the notice of the Government that while companies like Timber Land have suspended their further procurement of shoes and leather products from India, some other companies have expressed their concern over the use of cow leather in the manufacture of shoes and other accessories.

Government have taken a number of steps including establishing of contacts with such multi-national organisations and the addressing issues raised by these organisations. The issue is not expected to have a perceptible adverse impact on the export of shoes and other accessories from India.